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Appl. No: : Not Yet Assigned  
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For : FLUID HEATING DEVICE AND WASHING APPARATUS USING THE  
SAME

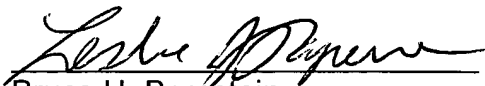
**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 and 365 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 2003-286650, filed August 5, 2003; 2003-325805, filed September 18, 2003; 2003-356069, filed October 16, 2003; 2003-410012, filed December 9, 2003; and 2004-155815, filed May 26, 2004. The International Bureau already should have sent certified copies of the Japanese applications to the United States designated office. If the certified copies have not arrived, please contact the undersigned.

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